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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of the application.

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The reply brief and Request for Oral Hearing filed on 4/27/01 have been entered and considered.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Thuan Dang, whose telephone number is (703) 305-2658. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

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